

## **HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING: SEPTEMBER 20, 2021**

The Howard County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, September 20, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. in Hearing Room 338 of the Howard County Administration Center. Those in attendance included President Paul Wyman, Vice-President Robert B. Bray, Member Jack Dodd, County Attorney Alan Wilson, and County Auditor Jessica Secrease.

The meeting was called to order by Sheriff Jerry Asher and conducted by President Paul Wyman. Commissioner Brad Bray led the Pledge of Allegiance, and President Wyman offered a word of prayer.

### **IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The minutes from the regular meeting held on September 7, 2021, having been previously submitted and reviewed, were approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Dodd. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

### **IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS & REPORTS:**

#### **Howard County Assessor:**

##### ***Reassessments Bids for 2026***

Assessor Mindy Heady submitted one sealed bid for the annual reassessment contract for 2026. Opening of this sealed bid was from Ad Valorem Solutions in the amount of \$1,334,208.00. This bid will be taken under advisement for review for the annual reassessment contract for 2026. Commissioner Dodd made a motion to review the bid from Ad Valorem Solutions in the amount of \$1,334,208.00 under advisement. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

### **IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS AND REPORTS:**

Howard County Auditor Jessica Secrease submitted the following claims and reports for the Commissioners' information and approval:

1. **Salary Claims:** The Commissioners' Salary, Hourly, and Overtime Claims for payment on September 10, 2021, in the amount of \$857,712.54 were submitted and approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Dodd. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
2. **Payroll Expense:** The Commissioners' Payroll Expense, for payment on September 10, 2021, in the amount of \$855,851.89 were submitted and approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Dodd. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
3. **Operating Claims:** The Commissioners' Operating Claims for payment on September 20, 2021, in the amount of \$1,934,545.06 were submitted and approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Dodd. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
4. **Monthly Reports:** Reports were submitted for review and accepted by the Board of Commissioners:
  - a. Weights & Measures Monthly Report: August 16, 2021 to September 16, 2021

### **IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONERS ISSUES:**

Commissioner President Paul Wyman commented on what a tremendous job the County Council has done this year during the budget session, which has allowed the County to stay fiscally sound. This is also a reflection to the community on how well the County manages the County finances. The County Government is debt free and also has great cash balances in the bank.

*There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners  
at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 4:09 p.m. on a motion  
made by Commissioner Bray. The motion was seconded by  
Commissioner Dodd, and the motion carried.*

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

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PAUL G. WYMAN, PRESIDENT

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ROBERT B. BRAY, VICE PRESIDENT

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JACK W. DODD, MEMBER

ATTEST:

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JESSICA SECREASE, AUDITOR

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